

Harvest for Hope "Hope" Diamond Sponsor: Chick-fil-A

A tremendous "thank you" is in order to Chick-fil-A for being our **first ever** "Hope" Diamond Sponsor for the Harvest for Hope Gala. Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, Inc. is a family owned and privately held restaurant company founded in 1967 by S. Truett Cathy. Devoted to serving the local communities in which its franchised restaurants operate, and known for its original chicken sandwich, Chick-fil-A serves freshly prepared food in more than 2,200 restaurants in 46 states and Washington, D. C.

Chick-fil-A system sales reached nearly \$9 billion in revenue in 2017, which marks 50 consecutive years of sales growth. In 2018, Chick fil-A was included in Glassdoor's Top 100 Best Places to Work in 2018. Based on customer service reviews, Chick-fil-A was honored to receive the Consumer Choice Awards® top spot in the category, "Provides Value Through Service." Chick-fil-A was one of more than 120 leading U.S. restaurant chains across 60 different categories reviewed in the annual study. Also, this year, Chick-fil-A ranked 4th on The Harris Poll Reputation Quotient (RQ®) list of 100 most visible companies in 2018, up from ranking 25th in 2017. The Harris Poll surveys U.S. adults evaluating public perceptions classified into six dimensions of corporate reputation: Workplace Environment, Social Responsibility, Emotional Appeal, Financial Performance, Vision & Leadership, and Products & Services.

In 2017, Chick-fil-A received the top score among fast food brands and one of the top 10 scores overall for customer experience in the Temkin Experience Ratings survey, and the company's internship program was ranked #13 in career website WayUp's survey of the top 100 best summer internships.

"We are so incredibly grateful for the generous support from Chick-fil-A. We are humbled to partner with such an incredible group of people that honor God in all that they do," shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center.

From donating surplus food to local shelters and soup kitchens through their Chick-fil-A Shared Table program, to feeding victims and first responders after a disaster, their restaurant Operators give away food all year long to those who need it most. Being a Chick-fil-A Operator is about more than serving chicken, it's about having a positive impact in the local community. That's why, around the country, their restaurant Operators find creative ways to serve. Chick-fil-A believes kindness is a higher calling. Truett Cathy said it best: "We should be about more than just selling chicken. We should be a part of our customers' lives and the communities in which we serve."

"I am so humbled for the opportunity to serve on the Board of the Real Life Center," shares Missy Bryan, Executive Administrator at Chick-fil-A. "The Center continues to make a huge impact on individuals and families, as well as the community," Missy explains. "As the Real Life Center seeks to honor God by serving others, God continues to be faithful to the ministry."